



## Puttenham Parish Council

### **Bonfire and Fireworks**

The annual bonfire event is now so popular, that all the 3500 tickets were sold in advance.

The theme this year was 'While Rome Burned' which was another resounding success. A huge Coliseum was constructed and there was a magnificent display of fireworks, themed music and the incredible organisation culminated in a brilliant event. Special thanks to the bonfire team for all their efforts and dedication. Once again they exceeded expectations and also thanks to the many villagers who managed the bar, cake stall, car park and to the School Association for their sterling efforts running the BBQ.

### **Youth Club**

Many congratulations to Katie Leonard who has received the Mayor's Award for all her services to the Youth Club over the past 9 years.

### **Your Fund Surrey (YFS) and our Community Transport Hub Application**

We have now passed an important stage in this lengthy application as the YFS panel has approved our application. They have now passed it to the full Surrey County Council Cabinet for its approval, which will now take place in mid-November. So it is still fingers crossed time!

### **Puttenham School**

The head teacher reported that the school anniversary celebration event is in abeyance, possibly to be held in conjunction with the Village Fete in June 2024.

It is hoped the Diocese will fund repair of the leaking roof. The road repair and resurfacing in School Lane has now finally been completed by Surrey County Council.

### **Cemetery and War Memorial Trust Application**

Finally we have had 2 acceptable quotes from accredited suppliers, which we have now submitted to the War Memorial Trust for a grant to repair the crumbling floor, cleaning and repointing.

The proposed fee increase for the Cemetery has been approved to bring it in line with similar facilities elsewhere in Surrey.

## **Marwick Hall**

Marwick Hall is in the process of a handover to a new committee. Katie Goodwin is taking on the role of Chair of the Marwick Hall Committee and a meeting will be held on the 20th November to hand over to the new committee.

## **Puttenham Downs**

This project continues to grow as we will now be clearing all the scrub, old trees and brambles to the west of the cafe. The east side has already been completed. Once this work is completed it will allow us to join the Surrey B-Line which will then connect all of the Hogs Back. This will link the county's best remaining wildlife sites through targeted wildflower habitat creation, linking the hills to the coast and towns to the countryside.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity of wishing everyone a healthy and happy Christmas and new year.

Mike Blundell Jones  
**Chairman**